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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the elimination of reporting or data  
2 collection requirements related to the department of  
3 education.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
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1 1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 21, paragraph c, Code  
1 2 Supplement 2007, is amended to read as follows:  
1 3 c. A requirement that all school districts and accredited  
1 4 nonpublic schools annually report to the department and the  
1 5 local community the district-wide progress made in attaining  
1 6 student achievement goals on the academic and other core  
1 7 indicators and the district-wide progress made in attaining  
1 8 locally established student learning goals. The school  
1 9 districts and accredited nonpublic schools shall demonstrate  
1 10 the use of multiple assessment measures in determining student  
1 11 achievement levels. The school districts and accredited  
1 12 nonpublic schools shall also report the number of students who  
1 13 graduate, ~~utilizing the definition of graduation rate~~  
~~1 14 specified by the national governors association; the number of~~  
1 15 ~~students who drop out of school; the number of students~~  
~~1 16 pursuing a high school equivalency diploma pursuant to chapter~~  
~~1 17 259A; the number of students who were enrolled in the district~~  
~~1 18 within the past five years and who received a high school~~  
~~1 19 equivalency diploma; the percentage of students who receive a~~  
~~1 20 high school diploma and who were not proficient in reading,~~  
~~1 21 mathematics, and science in grade eleven; the number of~~  
~~1 22 students in the prior year who were enrolled as high school~~  
~~1 23 juniors who are within four units of meeting the district's~~  
~~1 24 graduation requirements; the number of students who are tested~~  
1 25 and the percentage of students who are so tested annually; and  
1 26 the percentage of students who graduated during the prior  
1 27 school year and who completed a core curriculum. The board  
1 28 shall develop and adopt uniform definitions consistent with  
1 29 the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. No.  
1 30 107-110 and any federal regulations adopted pursuant to the  
1 31 federal Act. The school districts and accredited nonpublic  
1 32 schools may report on other locally determined factors  
1 33 influencing student achievement. The school districts and  
1 34 accredited nonpublic schools shall also report to the local  
1 35 community their results by individual attendance center.  
2 1 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 256.100 DATA AND REPORTING  
2 2 EVALUATION COMMITTEE.  
2 3 1. The department shall establish a data and reporting  
2 4 evaluation committee. The committee shall annually review  
2 5 department data and reporting requirements of school districts  
2 6 and accredited nonpublic schools, and may make recommendations  
2 7 to the department and the general assembly to modify or  
2 8 eliminate any data or reporting requirements. The committee  
2 9 shall meet at least twice a year. The committee's annual  
2 10 report shall be due the first day of the legislative session  
2 11 each year.  
2 12 2. Membership of the data and reporting evaluation  
2 13 committee shall consist of the director of the department of  
2 14 education or the director's designee; an organizational  
2 15 representative and three practitioners from each of the  
2 16 state's area education agencies; an organizational  
2 17 representative and three practitioners each from the Iowa

2 18 state education association, the Iowa association of school  
2 19 boards, and the school administrators of Iowa. The  
2 20 organizational representatives of the agencies and  
2 21 associations shall ensure that a variety of school districts  
2 22 are represented including but not limited to school districts  
2 23 with diverse geographic, population, rural, urban, school  
2 24 size, and socioeconomic characteristics. Membership shall  
2 25 include four ex officio, nonvoting legislative members: two  
2 26 state senators, one appointed by the majority leader of the  
2 27 senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the  
2 28 senate; and two state representatives, one appointed by the  
2 29 speaker of the house of representatives and one appointed by  
2 30 the minority leader of the house of representatives.

2 31 Sec. 3. Section 257.30, unnumbered paragraph 1, Code 2007,  
2 32 is amended to read as follows:

2 33 A school budget review committee is established in the  
2 34 department of education and consists of the director of the  
2 35 department of education, the director of the department of  
3 1 management, and three members who are knowledgeable in the  
3 2 areas of Iowa school finance or public finance issues  
3 3 appointed by the governor to represent the public. At least  
3 4 one of the public members shall possess a master's or doctoral  
3 5 degree in which areas of school finance, economics, or  
3 6 statistics are an integral component, or shall have equivalent  
3 7 experience in an executive administrative or senior research  
3 8 position in the education or public administration field. The  
3 9 members appointed by the governor shall serve staggered  
3 10 three-year terms beginning and ending as provided in section  
3 11 69.19 and are subject to senate confirmation as provided in  
3 12 section 2.32. The committee shall meet and hold hearings each  
3 13 year and shall continue in session until it has reviewed  
3 14 budgets of school districts, as provided in section 257.31.  
3 15 It may call in school board members and employees as necessary  
3 16 for the hearings. ~~Legislators shall be notified of hearings~~  
~~3 17 concerning school districts in their constituencies. An agenda~~  
~~3 18 of scheduled hearings and minutes of proceedings shall be~~  
~~3 19 posted on the department's internet site.~~

3 20 Sec. 4. Section 257.31, subsection 2, Code Supplement  
3 21 2007, is amended to read as follows:

3 22 2. The committee ~~shall report to each session of the~~  
~~3 23 general assembly, which report shall include any recommended~~  
~~3 24 changes in laws relating to school districts, and shall~~  
3 25 specify the number of hearings held annually, the reasons for  
3 26 the committee's recommendations, information about the amounts  
3 27 of property tax levied by school districts for a cash reserve,  
3 28 and other information the committee deems advisable.

3 29 Sec. 5. Section 257.31, subsection 9, Code Supplement  
3 30 2007, is amended to read as follows:

3 31 9. When the committee makes a decision under subsections 3  
3 32 through 8, it shall make all necessary changes in the district  
3 33 cost, budget, and tax levy. ~~It shall give written notice of~~  
~~3 34 its decision, including all such changes, to the school board~~  
~~3 35 through the department of education.~~

4 1 Sec. 6. Section 260C.14, subsection 21, Code 2007, is  
4 2 amended by striking the subsection.

4 3 Sec. 7. Section 279.63, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code  
4 4 2007, is amended by striking the paragraph.

4 5 Sec. 8. Section 279.63, subsection 3, Code 2007, is  
4 6 amended to read as follows:

4 7 3. Copies of a school district's financial report for the  
4 8 previous school year shall be posted on an internet ~~website~~  
~~4 9 site maintained by the school district at the beginning of the~~  
~~4 10 school year by January 1 of each school year.~~ If the school  
4 11 district does not maintain or develop ~~a website~~ an internet  
~~4 12 site,~~ the school district shall either distribute or post  
4 13 written copies of the financial report at specified locations  
4 14 throughout the school district.

4 15 Sec. 9. Section 282.24, subsection 1, unnumbered paragraph  
4 16 3, Code 2007, is amended by striking the unnumbered paragraph.

4 17 Sec. 10. Section 298.6, Code 2007, is amended to read as  
4 18 follows:

4 19 298.6 PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF OUTSTANDING LEVIES.

4 20 The board of directors of a school district shall, prior to  
4 21 certifying any levy by board approval, or submitting a levy  
4 22 for voter approval, facilitate public access to a complete  
4 23 listing of all outstanding levies within the school district  
4 24 by rate, amount, duration, and the applicable maximum levy  
4 25 limitations. The information relating to outstanding levies  
4 26 shall be posted on an internet ~~website~~ site maintained by the  
4 27 school district ~~at the beginning of the school year by January~~  
~~4 28 1 of each school year,~~ and updated prior to board approval or

4 29 submission for voter approval of any levy during the school  
4 30 year. If the school district does not maintain or develop a  
4 31 ~~website an internet site~~, the school district shall either  
4 32 distribute or post written copies of the listing at specified  
4 33 locations throughout the school district.

4 34 EXPLANATION

4 35 This bill eliminates reporting or data collection  
5 1 requirements related to the department of education.

5 2 The bill eliminates the clauses in Code section 256.7,  
5 3 subsection 21, that refer to a formula to calculate a  
5 4 graduation rate based on the number of ninth graders that  
5 5 actually graduate. The department's statewide student data  
5 6 management system will be able to directly determine a  
5 7 graduation rate this next school year. The requirement to  
5 8 collect the percentage of students who are within four credits  
5 9 of graduating at the end of their junior year is eliminated.

5 10 Language is deleted from Code sections 257.30 and 257.31  
5 11 that refers to department reports to the legislature. In Code  
5 12 section 257.31, subsection 9, language is eliminated that  
5 13 requires the school budget review committee to give written  
5 14 notice of all its actions under Code section 257.31,  
5 15 subsections 3 through 8, to a school board through the  
5 16 department of education.

5 17 The bill requires that the department establish a data and  
5 18 reporting evaluation committee. The committee will review  
5 19 data and reporting requirements annually and report to the  
5 20 department and the general assembly. The bill prescribes the  
5 21 committee's membership and that the committee meet at least  
5 22 twice a year.

5 23 The bill eliminates Code section 260C.14, subsection 21, as  
5 24 the department otherwise reports on high school equivalency  
5 25 diploma success rates.

5 26 Code section 279.63, subsection 2, paragraph "e", which  
5 27 requires reporting of teacher and administrator health  
5 28 insurance benefits and options, is stricken. Reporting dates  
5 29 are changed from the beginning of the school year to January 1  
5 30 in Code sections 279.63, subsection 3, and 298.6 dealing with  
5 31 financial and property tax levy reports posted on the  
5 32 internet.

5 33 The provision in Code section 282.24 that requires the  
5 34 department to notify districts about maximum tuition rates,  
5 35 which are the district costs per pupil, is deleted as the  
6 1 districts otherwise receive this information from the  
6 2 department of management.

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